

I am very excited to be receiving DigitalTelevision signals and some High Definition content to my home. I have invested in this technology with the knowledge that:

 being the first on my block to see it will cost more now than others will pay later,

 a limited number of over-the-air stations are broadcasting DTV signals,

 there is only limited HDTV content being aired,

 I needed a full size antenna in my attic to get the signal from Miami 40 miles away,

 there are no High Definition DVD players or content available,

 there is a very limited HDTV recording capability.

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When I saw the first true high def images on my TV from the Miami PBS station, I declared all my efforts and extra cost were worth every bit. I started inviting my friends over to see high def, wanting to show them the PBS demo loop.

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Due to the high cost and immaturity of the high definition recording methods, I am unable to view some programs in high def, even though they are available in high def. Currently, a VHS video tape recorder costs less than \$100, an S-VHS video tape recorder costs less than \$200, a DVD recorder costs about \$700, and the soon to be obsolete D-VHS HighDef JVC recorder costs \$1200 and is only compatible with the very few HD sets with DVI output.

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I want to be able to record HD programs while I am working or travelling, and watch them at a later time.

Please be sure that what ever copy protection methods get implemented time-shifted viewing remains possible somehow.

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Sincerely,

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